

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SUBDISTRICTS 5 AND 6 COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Catches from the most recent fishing period were 392 chum salmon and 1,169 coho salmon by 13 permit holders in Shaktoolik Subdistrict and 3,011 chum salmon and 2,665 coho salmon by 31 permit holders in Unalakleet Subdistrict. The combined catch of coho salmon for both subdistricts has exceeded the chum catch and the department will now manage for coho salmon.

Commercial salmon fishing will be allowed in Subdistrict 5, the Shaktoolik Subdistrict and in Subdistrict 6, the Unalakleet Subdistrict for 72 hours from 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 1 until 6 p.m. Saturday, August 4. Gillnets are limited to 100 fathoms and 6 inches or less stretched mesh size.

In northern Norton Sound the department does not expect to announce commercial salmon fishing time until late this week or early next week. All escapement counting projects west of Koyuk, except for Glacial Lake weir, were affected by the heavy rains and not operational for a period of time. Niukluk River counting tower and Snake River weir are still not operational, but are expected to be counting when the water levels drop.

Here are the escapement counts in Norton Sound this season:

North River: 940 kings, 6,000 chums, 135,000 pinks, 700 silvers  
Unalakleet River: 700 kings, 60,000 chums, 670,000 pinks, 200 sockeyes, 3,400 silvers  
Shaktoolik River: 1,000 kings, 35,000 chums, 375,000 pinks, 250 silvers  
Inglutalik River: 1,150 kings, 30,000 chums, 85,000 pinks, 250 silvers  
Kwiniuk River: 36 kings, 5,500 chums, 375,000 pinks, 60 silvers  
Niukluk River: 21 kings, 18,000 chums, 230,000 pinks, 100 silvers  
Nome River: 3 kings, 1,300 chums, 90,000 pinks, 33 sockeyes  
Snake River: 600 chums, 5,000 pinks, 1 sockeye, 7 silvers  
Glacial Lake: 1,600 sockeyes  
Pilgrim River: 43 kings, 14,000 chums, 43,000 pinks, 6,000 sockeyes

Good Luck and Good Fishing.